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THE WEATHER

Oregon and Washington—Fair with light frost; warmer in the afternoon.

WATERFRONT FIRE-RISKS.

It is to be hoped Mayor Smith will cling tenaciously to his program of improvement for the waterfront of Astoria; for the tearing down of the long disused, unserviceable and abominably-ugly shacks that disgrace the line, and stand as instant and certain threats of a general conflagration; as well as the other hideous and unaccountable disfigurements that make the city a shame to her citizens in the eyes of the travelling public as it traverses the Columbia, going and coming to and from this port.

And when the Council gets down to the task of removing these signs of inertia and wretched indifference, it will do well to make a clean sweep of the fire-traps that infest the lower territory; their name is legion and their capacity for danger far too manifest to permit their standing an hour longer than is necessary. The old cry that "they will not burn" is all rot; weather conditions may so adjust themselves, at any time, as to make these wretched rookeries the choicest, swiftest feeders for a great fire that will scourge the waterfront and involve the really fine property adjacent to it. The bald assertion that "they will not burn" is born of the fact that to date they have not burned, (more's the pity) and cannot be relied upon for a single day with safety.

With a fierce start, and a stiff westerly or nor'westerly wind, there is no limit to the damage that may be done the city from these abominations and there should be no further chances taken. One of the worst examples of this sort of thing may be found on the rear premises of the block bounded by Astor, Sixth, Seventh and the right-of-way of the A. & C. It fairly swarms with a congested mass of inflammable old derelicts that would yield forth a sacrifice of immense value under the adverse conditions that usually beget fires; but this is not the only spot that needs attention; there are scores of them and all need the promptest and most peremptory treatment at the hands of the Council and the Fire Department.

BETWEEN TWO STOOLS.

The joint-ownership of the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad by the Great Northern Railway and the Northern Pacific Railway Companies, may possibly account for the very patent fact that it is not adequately advertised in the literature of the owning roads; that Astoria, and all the contiguous towns and territory, are practically ignored in the current pamphlets and circulars of the greater lines; in other words, this line and territory have "fallen between two stools" by reason of a proprietary interest that leaves the section to itself upon an unagreed basis of some sort in which each road is expected to do, but does not do, the proper thing. The substance remaining being a glaring dearth of justifiable advertising for the A. & C., for Astoria, for the south coast resorts, for the lower Columbia industries and resources and attractions, that is commented on far beyond the pale of the people at interest down here.

Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna. Cleanses the System Effectually, Dispels Colds and Headaches due to Constipation; Acts naturally, acts truly as a Laxative. Best for Men, Women and Children—Young and Old. To get its Beneficial Effects Always buy the Genuine which has the full name of the Company.

CALIFORNIA Fig Syrup Co. by whom it is manufactured, printed on the front of every package. SOLD BY ALL LEADING DRUGGISTS, one size only, regular price 50¢ per bottle.

The A. & C., in its own days, was much more eager and effective in advertising its country, places and people and in fact it did some of the cleverest pamphleteering ever done on the upper coast, and dispersed an extraordinary amount of it where it did the most good.

We suppose its takes just so long for a big deal like that consummated by the N. P. and G. N. in their absorption of the lesser road, to settle down to the amenities, generally speaking, but we are convinced that two years should be enough for this important end of the great dual system to creep into the margin of the lime-light, as shed from the descriptive literary and pictorial work put out by these concerns; and we hope to see a more decided interest given to a territory that will someday respond in ample measure for every detail and data that is put out in its interest. We have rights down this way that may not be much longer ignored, and the whole country is growing over-familiar with the persistent and unjust discrimination.

THE IDEAL WIFE.

Asthetic circles in Chicago are busy just now seeking to determine the vague and elusive points of the "ideal wife." With the inherent blundering for which the asthetic element is notorious, they are asking information from the unmarried of both sexes, as if either could yield a satisfactory and intelligible idea upon a subject of which they are blindly ignorant and have but the most equivocal and indistinct notions. Let them turn to the married of the earth if they want dependable testimony; to those whose experience has borne out the dreams of an earlier day, and who are in position to declare rather than idealize; to say just what constitutes the ideal wife, and to prove it beyond all question by producing her in the person of the wife that blesses them.

Every good, pure woman makes an ideal wife: She may not reach the sublimated apex of our dreams, and it is well she should not, for we men would be so utterly contemptuous in the vast differences that would exist that we would learn to curse all ideals rather than cherish them. As it is, any true woman, of sterling character, is an ideal by comparison with the man she is tied to; her normal purity, gentleness, loyalty, and truth makes her ideal even without the attributes garnered from the conventions and usages of social life, she is, inherently, better than her mate, and takes the added lustre of differentiation by right, and her every standard is computed on the basis of that difference. Not that there are not good men and husbands, but in the general estimate, he suffers because of his lower range and ineptitude to hold an equal level with her, morally; and all ideals must be measured by the moral influences, of which she is the better exponent always.

The ideal wife dwells everywhere; even Astoria has her in multitudes, she is no exception anywhere; it is simply a question of recognizing her and estimating her and appreciating her; and this is a faculty far too often denied her by her very husband, or else it is ignored by him. If he will study her closely and treat her according to her her immeasurable merit, he will find that he too possesses the cardinal blessing of life, the ideal wife.

Hunting gnus, or even lions, is a much easier African problem than the one Mr. Jeffries has on his hands.

The lakes-to-gulf deep channel will never furnish the country with any items about dynamiting ice jams in April.

At the present price of wheat and corn it wouldn't pay the owner of a good farm to spend his time at the store to hear the latest bulletins from Mars.

The gun is a combination of three animals with the donkey prominent; it is strange that Mr. Bryan overlooked it in the course of his many insinuations.

Uncle Sam may have to resume control of Cuban affairs. Cuba has demonstrated her ability to stand, but she seems to make slow progress in learning to walk.

Persons who held their wheat on tips furnished by Mr. Patten in interviews realize now that he reserved his really important information for personal use.

Among the game brought down by the African hunting party is a Thompson's gazelle. For the sake of good sport it is hoped that this animal has more intelligence than Thompson's colt.

If the sultan out of a job will master the English language he will be sure of a long engagement in the lecture field. But Artemas Ward got ahead by making his tickets read: "Admit the bearer and one wife."

Rudyard Kipling thinks Mr. Roosevelt may possibly pull through the African hunting trip with nothing worse than a bad liver. Mr. Kipling ought to recollect that a degenerate liver is apt to demoralize the temper.

The proposition that Boston should celebrate on a grand scale the 300th Pilgrim anniversary in 1920 leads ex-Gov. Guild to say: "That we never have had a world's exposition at Boston is no reason why we never should have one." St. Louis advises Boston to go in and win second place, which would be no slight honor.

"THIS DATE IN HISTORY."

1682—William Penn published his form of government for the colony of Pennsylvania.

1776—Congress declared the authority of England over the thirteen colonies abolished.

1821—Napoleon I. died at St. Helena. Born Aug. 15, 1769.

1844—Rt. Rev. William Quarter, first Catholic bishop of Chicago, arrived in that city.

1856—Governor Robinson of Kansas indicted for high treason.

1862—Union force victorious in battle of Williamsburg, Va.

1864—The great battle of the Wilderness began.

1865—Galveston, the last port held by the Confederacy, surrendered.

1889—Centennial of the beginning of the French Revolution celebrated in France.

1905—American Ambassador Choate given farewell dinner by the Lord Mayor of London.

"THIS IS MY 56TH BIRTHDAY."

Captain Robert M. Doyle, U. S. N., who commanded the battleship Missouri in the recent cruise of the American battleship fleet around the world, was born in Tennessee, May 5, 1853. After graduating from the Annapolis academy he served on the Minnesota, the Vandalla and the Galena of the old navy. From 1889 to 1896 he was on the cruiser Baltimore and the battleship Texas. During the war with Spain he saw active service in the cruiser Dixie and after the close of the war he returned to the Texas. His next assignment was to the battleship Wisconsin. His first command was that of the supply ship Colgea, and prior to reaching the grade of captain in 1908 he commanded the cruisers Philadelphia and Chicago.

SAME OLD STORY.

DETROIT, May 5.—Robert Barrows, a painter, is dead. Michael Burkhardt is under arrest charged with murder, and Mrs. Barrows is under detention as a witness, as a result of a sensational shooting which occurred last night in the rear of 143 Lafayette Avenue, where Mrs. Barrows was employed as housekeeper. The husband and wife had been separated for some time. Last night Mrs. Barrows was standing on the back porch talking to Burkhardt, a motorman, who had driven up in an automobile, when her husband appeared. Only a few words were spoken when a revolver flashed, Barrows dropped to the ground and Burkhardt disappeared. Burkhardt when arrested at home later in the night, admitted, according to the police, that he had shot Barrows.

TAKE IT IN TIME.

Just as Scores of Astoria People Have.

Waiting doesn't pay. If you neglect the aching back. Urinary troubles, diabetes, surely follow.

Doan's Kidney Pills relieve back-ache. Cure every kidney ill.

H. R. McCarver, living at 286 Holiday street, Portland, Ore., says: "Some years ago Doan's Kidney Pills proved of great benefit to me and I publicly recommend them. Since then I have advised many of my fellow-workmen to give them a trial and the results have been satisfactory in every instance. I believe kidney trouble in my case was brought on by a cold. I had always been somewhat skeptical regarding proprietary medicines but somehow the claims made for Doan's Kidney Pills impressed me and I began their use. Relief soon followed and I have had no serious return of kidney complaint since."

Plenty more proof like this from Astoria people. Call at Charles Rogers & Son's drug store and ask what customers report.

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

SHE RISES TO DEFEND HIS MEMORY

GERTRUDE ATHERTON SAYS FINE WORDS OF ALEXANDER HAMILTON

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4.—Alexander Hamilton, whose memory was assailed in the Senate yesterday by Senator Johnson has a stout defender in Gertrude Atherton the novelist who made him the hero of her novel, "The Conqueror." In a statement issued this morning the authoress makes the following reply to the attacks of the North Dakota Senator.

"Really this Senator Johnson is too insignificant to give notice. It is probably a ridiculous radical, Jeffersonian Democrat, no doubt talking for the benefit of his constituents—They always are when they say things of import."

"I don't believe he cares two cents about the character of Alexander Hamilton. It is more than likely that he does not know anything about Hamilton. He is the sort of dog who thinks this a good chance to have his yelp heard."

"As to Alexander Hamilton being a rake, well, every man was a rake in his time. That was the convention of that time and it was perfectly accepted everywhere. In these days it happens to be the convention not to be rakish but whether or not men are less rakish is quite another question. There is no use combatting the convention of an age, but you must not be found out."

"Alexander Hamilton has been 100 years dead, his sins might be buried with him. And posterity has indorsed him. The country today runs on Hamiltonian wheels, the Jeffersonian Democrats, with all their rows, haven't been able to get back into power."

"Being rakish didn't detract from the usefulness of Hamilton. Any little affairs he may have had were incidental, he never allowed them to interfere with his career. His wife condoned these few little things and adored him. He was a devoted husband and father. All the great men of his time looked upon Hamilton as their great leader. He became famous

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

Astoria National Bank

At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, April 28, 1909:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes RESOURCES: Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, secured and unsecured, U. S. Bonds to secure circulation, U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. deposits, U. S. Bonds on hand, Premiums on U. S. Bonds, Bonds, securities, etc., Banking house, furniture, and fixtures, Other real estate owned, Due from State Banks and Bankers, Due from approved reserve agents, Checks and other cash items, Notes of other National Banks, Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents, Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Specie, Legal-tender notes, Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer, (5 per cent of circulation), Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent redemption fund.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes LIABILITIES: Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid, National Bank notes outstanding, Individual deposits subject to check, Demand certificates of deposit, Time certificates of deposit, Certified checks, U. S. Deposits.

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop. I, J. E. Higgins, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. E. HIGGINS, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of May, 1909. M. C. MAGEE, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: GEO. H. GEORGE, A. SCHERNECKAU, F. L. WARREN, Directors.

in Europe long before Washington and in Europe today he is regarded as the greatest man America has produced.

"The enemies of Hamilton made shocking plots to attack him. Surely if his honesty is unimpeachable nobody has the right to attack his private life. Really, this latest attack is too contemptible to require answer. Must a man of Hamilton's time conform to the convention today? no doubt that convention is justifiable, it prevents young men from plunging into dissipation."

"But at what cost is it enforced? A scandal 25 years old has absolutely ruined the career of Sir Charles Dilke, acknowledged by all to be the man to lead the Liberal party. The convention has destroyed him. Parliament was ruined in the same way. We have become deadly proper within the last few years."

Morning Astorian, 60 cents per month.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

First National Bank

At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, April 28th, 1909.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes RESOURCES: Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, secured and unsecured, U. S. Bonds to secure circulation, Premiums on U. S. Bonds, Bonds, Securities, etc., Due from National Banks (not reserve agents), Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies, and Savings Banks, Due from approved Reserve Agents, Checks and other Cash Items, Notes of other National Banks, Nickels and Cents, Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Specie, Legal-tender notes, Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer, (5 per cent of circulation).

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes LIABILITIES: Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid, National Bank Notes outstanding, Individual Deposits subject to check, Demand Certificates of Deposit, Certified Checks.

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop. I, S. S. Gordon, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. S. GORDON, Cashier. Correct—Attest: W. F. MCGREGOR, G. C. FLAVEL, JACOB KAMM, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of April, 1909. V. BOELLING, Notary Public.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

Astoria Savings Bank

At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, April 28, 1909:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes RESOURCES: Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, secured and unsecured, Bonds, securities, etc., Banking house, furniture, and fixtures, Other real estate owned, Due from approved reserve banks, Exchanges for clearing house, Cash on hand.

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop. I, Frank Patton, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FRANK PATTON, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of May, 1909. FRANK J. TAYLOR, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: O. J. PETERSON, J. Q. A. BOWLBY, J. W. GARNER, Directors.

What Stove for Summer?

Nothing adds to kitchen convenience in summer weather like a New Perfection Wick Blue Flame Oil Cook-Stove. Anything that any stove can do the "New Perfection" will do, and do it better. Bakes, roasts, boils, toasts; heats the wash water and the sad irons and does it without dissipating its heat through the room to your discomfort. The



NEW PERFECTION Wick Blue Flame Oil Cook-Stove

differs from other oil stoves in its strong, handsome, useful CABINET TOP with shelf for warming plates and keeping food hot. Also has drop shelves on which to rest coffee pot and teapot, and is equipped with bars for towels. A stove of convenience, comfort, safety and economy. Made in three sizes. Sold with or without Cabinet Top. If not at your dealer's, write our nearest agency.



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